

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 10, 2004 (Paper No. 10). Claims 1 to 8 and 10 to 23 are in the application, of which Claims 1 to 8 and 10 to 19 have been allowed. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The Office Action entered a rejection of Claims 20 to 23 over U.S. Patent 6,256,111 (Rijavec), and also entered a rejection to dependent Claim 21 for inclusion of language redundant to that found in independent Claim 20. Both are directly traceable to a transcription error in the language of independent Claim 20, for which language found in dependent Claim 21 was inadvertently substituted for that originally intended for Claim 20. In particular, as pointed out at pages 10 and 11 of the Amendment dated March 30, 2004, it was Applicant's intention to present claims in keeping with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance found at page 3 in Paper No. 6.

This matter was brought to the Examiner's attention in a telephone conversation with Applicant's representative on July 9, 2004. During the telephone conversation, the Examiner indicated that he would be inclined to enter corrective amendments to Claim 20 as set out above, even though a final rejection had been entered, since these amendments are directed to subject matter indicated by him as allowable. The Examiner's cooperation, and his sound exercise of discretion entrusted to him in this matter, are both appreciated.

In view of the foregoing, and in view of the remarks presented in the Amendment dated March 30, 2004, it is believed that Claims 20 to 23 are fully in condition for allowance. For the Examiner's convenience, the remarks presented at page 10 of the aforementioned Amendment are reproduced as follows:

“Claims 20 to 23 have been added in keeping with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, and are believed to recite subject matter patentable over the art of record for at least the following reasons.

“Specifically, the printing apparatus defined in independent Claim 20 comprises first holding means for holding calibration information received from a computer, and second holding means for holding calibration information generated in the printing apparatus. The calibration information respectively held by the first and second holding means are selectively used for correcting an input image.


“Thus, among the features of independent Claim 20, it is calibration information received from a computer, and calibration information generated in a printing apparatus, that are selectively used for correcting an input image.”

New claim 24 has been drafted along the lines of allowed Claim 17 and is believed allowable for the reasons above.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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